authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098.

Item No.	Amount	Remarks
16. Jails. 1. Central Jail Miscellaneous.	Rs. 1,170	In the budget of 1103 a sum of Rs. 1,500 had been provided for the purchase of fire-arms for use in the Central Jail. The amount lapsed since it was not possible to effect the purchase during the year. The weapons and the necessary ammunition were received only this year and no provision having been made in the budget of the current year additional allotment had to be sanctioned urgently.
23. Sanitation and Conservancy. B. Rural Sanitation. Charges for the Prevention of epidemics.	Rs. 1,000	The additional allotment of Rs. 4,000 sanctioned during the course of the year towards the anti-plague campaign was found inadequate to meet all payments and another additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 had to be granted urgently.

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Demands for Supplementary Grants:—

1. Land Revenue—C. Contingencies Rs. 1,000.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Sir, it is a little unfortunate that I have to start my life here with a demand for a supplementary grant which, from what I have heard, is not a very pleasant task.

President.—We want money for everything.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The difficulty is of late to untie the string with which the bag is tied. Had it not been for the fact that there are certain cut motions tabled against the demands.....,

President.—But is there any substantial cut?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The motions may mean anything and there are two such against the demands.

President.—This is a particular item.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I have two demands and against both there is a cut motion. But despite these cut motions which stare me in the face, I believe my demands are so very modest and so very essential and unavoidable that this Council will only very readily grant my request. Also I may bring to your notice another fact, namely, that these little motions were applied for during the time of my predecessor and from the appreciation which this House has shown I am quite sure that the House will be only too willing to grant these supplementary grants. With these backings I am very much emboldened to move my demands. Now the first of these demands is for a sum of Rs. 1,000 under I—Land Revenue, C. Contingencies. It comes under the head "Miscellaneous". This demand was necessitated owing to the very munificent grant made by His Highness the Maharaja at the last Birthday ceremonies, that is, a lakh of rupees for the purpose of making agricultural loans. This invited a large number of applications for loans, and one of the rules governing these loans is that the applicants should furnish security which when it takes the form of land should be proved to be satisfactory by the production of an encumbrance certificate. The cost of getting such certificates is borne by the Government when applications are for loans for Rs. 500 or less. There are several such applications and in all these cases the Government have to meet the cost of getting encumbrance certificates. This item of expenditure could not be anticipated at the time of the last budget (or when the motion itself was made in Karkadagam last). So to provide for the contingency that has arisen we have made this application for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000. The Government does not lose by this. It is only a case of the right hand paying the left or rather the transfer from one iron safe to another. There is no waste at all.

President.—But the person who borrows the money is no better.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The cost of the encumbrance certificate is borne by the Government as the intention is to relieve poor agriculturists to the greatest possible extent. The amount sanctioned towards it will be utilised only when necessity arises. With these explanations, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under this head.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for I—Land Revenue—C. Contingencies, by Re. 1.*

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The motion that stands in my name is only a token motion. I must sincerely congratulate the able manner in which this supplementary demand was asked for by the Leader of the House on the other side. The object of my motion is simply to draw the attention of the Government to one important fact. This is a supplementary demand for an additional allotment. Whether it goes from one purse to another, whether it goes from one iron safe to another, that is a different matter. Still it is a demand over and above the amount budgetted and allotted for that item of expenditure for the current year. If by any means it was possible for the Government to cut short the expenditure in that Department and to save asking for a supplementary demand in this Council then I certainly could congratulate the Government on its policy in not having to ask this Council to vote for this additional allotment. I shall make myself clear. Now so far as this Department is concerned I understand from the Civil List that the pay of the Diwan Peishkar, the Head of the Department, is ranging from Rs. 350—850. I think the Government has also before it a resolution passed—I was the mover of that resolution itself—in considering the Special Finance Committee's report with reference to the standardisation of pay, I had moved a resolution to this effect, that the pay of the Heads of Departments excepting the pay of the Judges and the Diwan should be ranging from 400 to 600. That resolution was passed by a large majority also in this Council. That resolution is bofore the Government for its consideration and I have reason to expect that that resolution at least in the interests of the country and in view of the retrenchment that is strongly advocated on behalf of the people by the Members here, will be accepted or will be acceptable to the Government. In view of that, I really cannot understand why the Government should have thought it necessary—of course there might have been very grave reasons why they thought so—that the Diwan Peishkar on the maximum pay alone should be appointed. The minimum pay of the Peishkar is Rs. 350 and the pay now given is Rs. 850 with a wide margin of Rs. 500. It may be that probably the Government could not find an abler member than the present Leader of this House to fill that post. Whatever it be, in the interests of economy, in the interests of retrenchment and in the interests of the subordinate services also, the Government should have found it possible to fill up that vacancy by appointing somebody other than the present incumbent giving the maximum pay. If that policy had been adopted by the Government, there could have been certainly a saving, and as the Revenue Member himself prefaced the demand, the

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Department could have actually gone on without asking for any supplementary demand. It is only to point out that aspect of the matter that this motion has been tabled by me.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for 1. Land Revenue—C-Contingencies by Re. 1.*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I second it. The object of my cut motion is to ascertain from the Government the reason why the previous Head of this Department retired before the age limit. In Cochin at present extension of service is the order of the day and I want to know why this gentleman alone retired before the age limit. To the best of my recollection this is the first instance of its kind in recent years. I should like to know why this able and eminent officer was retired in this way.

President.—No other Member wishing to speak? Then you will reply.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Sir, for lack of proper knowledge of the procedure and practice of this House, I do not exactly know whether a token motion like this will cover things like the appointment of a particular person to a particular place. If it does I have my doubts if by appointing a person on a less pay the amount saved thereby could be diverted to the head "Miscellaneous" and utilised for purposes covered by it.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I think that can be done.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Without sanction it cannot be done. Anyhow application will have to be made for transfer of allotments.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The practice has never been to make such applications for transfer in such cases except when there is transfer from one head to another.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Then I may be wrong. It is a matter of accounts.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I do not press that motion to a division.

(*The cut motion of Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar was, with leave of the Council, withdrawn.*)

The motion for the demand was put and agreed to.

2. I. Land Revenue—E. Temporary Establishment—Rs. 1,175.

President.—Next demand.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I next rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,175 under 'I—Land Revenue (E) Temporary Establishment.' This establishment is retained for the purpose of completing the renewal of Sirkar lands in Travancore Oodupullies, of which there are two sections, one in

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